

National Wildlife Refuge Offices

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- ② Necedah 608/565 2551
- ③ Trempealeau 608/539 2311
- ④ Upper Mississippi River
La Crosse District 608/783 8405

Wetland Management District Offices

- ⑤ Leopold 920/387 0336
- ⑥ St. Croix 715/246 7784

Private Lands/Partners for Fish and Wildlife Office

- ⑦ Madison 608/221 1206

Ecological Services Office

- ⑧ Green Bay 920/465 7440

National Fish Hatchery Offices

- ⑨ Genoa 608/689 2605
- ⑩ Iron River 715/372 8510

Fishery Resources Offices

- ⑪ Ashland 715/682 6185
- ⑧ Green Bay 920/465 7440
- ④ La Crosse 608/783 8431

Fish Health Center

- ④ La Crosse 608/783 8441

Law Enforcement Offices

- ⑧ Green Bay 920/465 7414
- ⑦ Madison 608/221 1206
- ④ Onalaska 608/783 8420

The mission
of the
**United States
Fish & Wildlife
Service** is
“working
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and
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Introduction

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service's nearly 93 million acres include 514 National Wildlife Refuges, 78 Ecological Services field stations, 66 National Fish Hatcheries, 50 wildlife coordination areas, and 38 wetland management districts with waterfowl production areas.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

The Service also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state wildlife agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges, and related projects across America.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Jamie Rappaport Clark has indicated four conservation goals she would like the Service to focus on in the coming year. These goals are:

- Strengthening our ecosystem approach to fish and wildlife conservation
- Lifting the conservation of migratory birds to a higher level
- Leading the effort to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species
- Setting the course for the future of America's National Wildlife Refuge System





Regional Highlights

Great Lakes - Big Rivers

*Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota,
Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin*

Regional Goal

Our Regional goal is to work shoulder to shoulder with the states, tribes and our many other partners. In this way, we will achieve our vision of ***a better place for fish and wildlife*** and the people who enjoy them.

1998 Regional Facts

- Employment: 959 people
- Managed Acres: 1.2 million
- The Fiscal Year 1998 Budget for Regional Service activities totals \$58.2 million
- 4,962 volunteers donated 224,952 hours to help with Service projects
- 104,325 school children participated in Service educational programs
- Over 6.8 million people visited Service facilities throughout Region 3. Of these:
 - 534,179 hunted
 - 1,017,142 fished
 - 3,579,339 visited to view wildlife

Refuge Program Facts

- 54 National Wildlife Refuges and nine Wetland Management Districts
- More than 240,000 acres in waterfowl production areas

Other Regional Programs and Offices

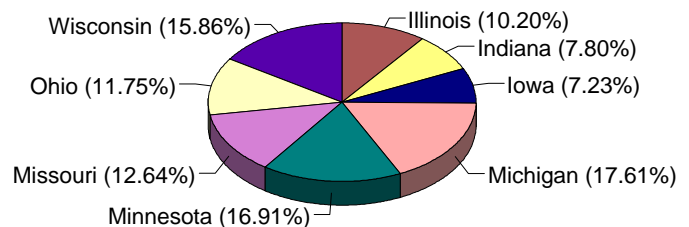
- Five National Fish Hatcheries
- 11 Fisheries stations
- 10 Ecological Services offices
- 21 Law Enforcement offices

Federal Aid Program

In Fiscal Year 1998, the Region's Federal Aid Office managed \$87.5 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the states within Region 3.

Federal Aid Apportionments FY1998

Region 3 States' Share of \$87.5 Million:



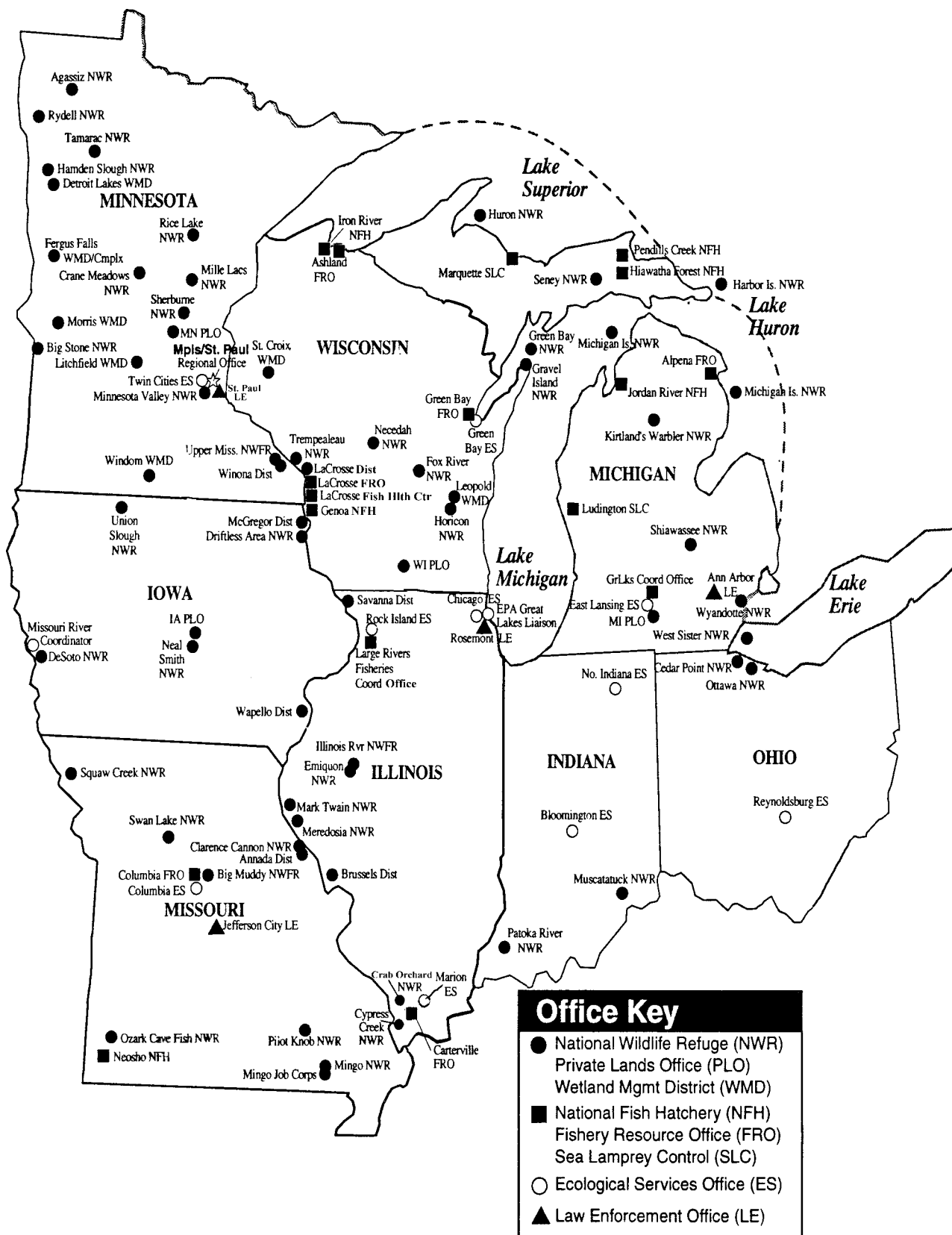
The Region is Committed to:

- Healthy fish and wildlife trust species (migratory birds, endangered species and interjurisdictional fish) populations, and habitats that support them
- Providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other recreational opportunities on Service lands
- Expanded partnerships, which offer innovative opportunities to enhance the nation's fish and wildlife resources
- A clearly defined U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service organization dedicated toward employee excellence, reflecting the nation's rich diversity and providing quality service and decision-making closer to the resources in our trust



Region 3

Great Lakes - Big Rivers





Wisconsin

State Highlights

1998 Wisconsin State Facts

- Employment: 121 people
- Fiscal Year 1998 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Wisconsin totals \$6.2 million
- 888 volunteers donated 37,870 hours to help with Fish and Wildlife Service projects

National Wildlife Refuge Facts

- Seven National Wildlife Refuges and two Wetland Management Districts in Wisconsin totaling 129,000 acres
- In 1998, 1,884,345 people visited Refuges in Wisconsin. Of these:
 - 97,208 hunted
 - 243,196 fished
 - 925,018 people visited to view wildlife
- 9,071 school children participated in Service educational programs

Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

- In 1998 Wisconsin received:
 - \$8.8 million for sport fish restoration
 - \$5.1 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education

Paddlefish Population Study

The La Crosse Fishery Resource Office began a study of paddlefish in Minnesota and Wisconsin tributaries of the Mississippi River. The study's results will help state and federal agencies manage paddlefish recovery, and enhance overall recreational fishing along the Mississippi River.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife

With state partners, the Service helped private landowners restore 3,625 wetlands encompassing 8,223 acres of fish and wildlife habitat

Lake Trout are Back in Lake Superior

Federal and state fishery biologists recently concluded that native, naturally reproducing, lake trout populations have been restored to most U.S. waters of Lake Superior; and that the reduction of sea lamprey populations to five percent of pretreatment levels in U.S. waters of Lake Superior contributed significantly to the restoration.

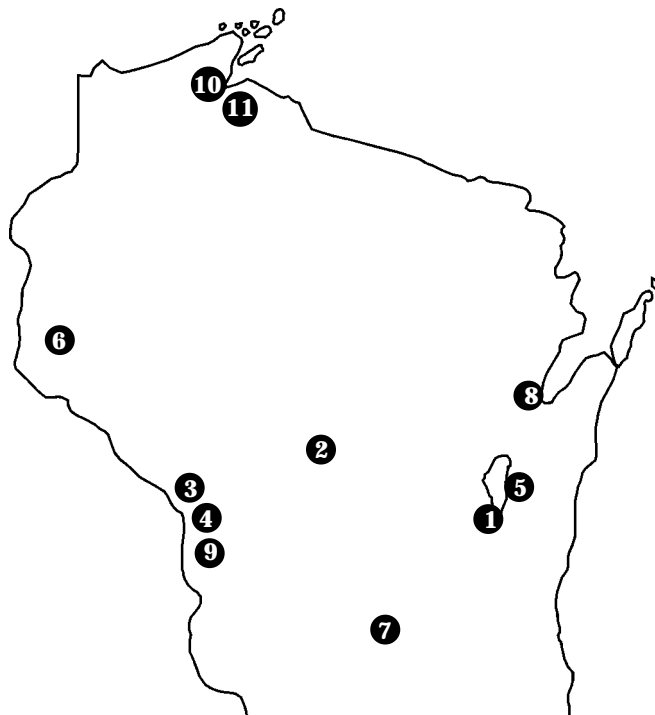
Statewide Plan for Karner Blue Butterfly

The Green Bay Ecological Services Office is taking the lead in working with Wisconsin and multiple corporate and private landowners to develop a Statewide Habitat Conservation Plan for the endangered Karner blue butterfly. This plan will enable landowners to carry-out land altering activities while also ensuring the long-term protection of the butterfly.



Wisconsin

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Horicon

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

W4279 Headquarters Road
Mayville, WI 53050
Phone: 920/387 2658
Fax: 920/387 2973
TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)
<http://www.fws.gov/r3pao>

Refuge Manager: Patti Meyers
e-mail: patti_meyers@mail.fws.gov

*Located six miles east of Waupun,
Wisconsin, on State Highway 49 and
then 3.5 miles south on County Road Z*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1941
- Acres: 22,287
- Administers Fox River NWR (1,001 acres)
- Also administers the Wisconsin Islands Wilderness Area which consists of two island refuges in Lake Michigan: Gravel Island NWR (4 acres) and Green Bay NWR (25 acres)
- Horicon Marsh was designated a "Wetland of International Importance" and a "Globally Important Bird Area"
- State of Wisconsin manages the southern third of Horicon Marsh

Natural History

- Horicon Marsh, covering 32,000 acres, is the largest freshwater cattail marsh in the United States
- Marsh was formed from a lakebed created during the last glacial period
- 300,000 Canada geese stage on the refuge each October
- Provides traditional habitat for many species of wetland birds including ducks, cranes, herons and shorebirds

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 400,000 visitors annually

Refuge Objectives

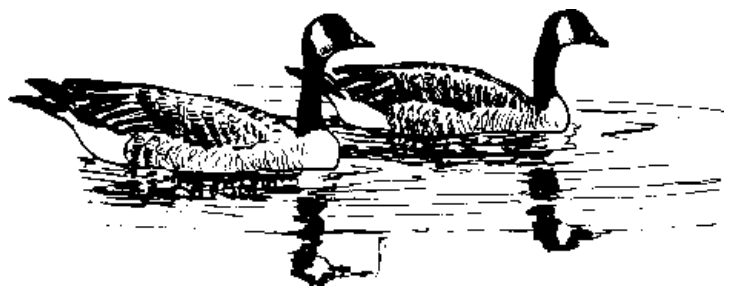
- Provide breeding and migration habitat for migratory birds
- Preserve Horicon Marsh
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Prescribed burning
- Carp and exotic plant control
- Partnerships
- Outreach and environmental education

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Teacher workshops
- Wildlife observation
- Hiking trails
- Auto tour route
- Visitor center
- Exhibits





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Necedah

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

W7996 20th Street West
Necedah, WI 54646

Phone: 608/565 2551

Fax: 608/565 3160

TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)

<http://www.fws.gov/r3pao>

Refuge Manager: Larry Wargowsky

e-mail: larry_wargowsky@mail.fws.gov

Located four miles west of Necedah,
Wisconsin, on Highway 21



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1939
- Acres: 43,696
- Host for the Annual Wisconsin Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest

Natural History

- Refuge is located in the Great Central Wisconsin Swamp, the largest wetland-bog in the state (7,800 square miles)
- Extensive forest habitat (pine, oak, aspen) and large tracts of rare oak barrens habitat
- Traditional habitat for waterfowl and sandhill cranes
- Impoundments provide acres of open wetland habitat
- Provides habitat for threatened, endangered and rare species, such as the Karner blue butterfly, massasauga rattlesnake and Blanding's turtle
- Beaver, coyote, turkey and white-tailed deer are common resident wildlife species

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 145,000 visitors annually
- Timber sales from forest management

Refuge Objectives

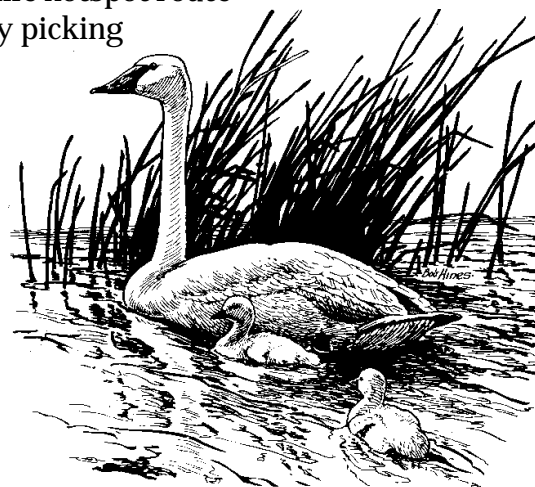
- Provide breeding and migration habitat for migratory birds
- Protect and restore Karner blue butterfly
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education
- Restore rare oak savanna habitat

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Prescribed burning
- Timber harvest
- Outreach and environmental education

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation and photography
- Hiking
- Wildlife hotspot route
- Berry picking





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Trempealeau

National Wildlife Refuge

Contacting the refuge:

W28488 Refuge Road
Trempealeau, WI 54661-8272
Phone: 608/539 2311
Fax: 608/539 2703
TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)
<http://www.fws.gov/r3pao>

Refuge Manager: Richard Frietsche
e-mail: richard_frietsche@mail.fws.gov

*Located three miles southwest
of Centerville, Wisconsin,
on Highway 35/54*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1936
- Acres: 5,754
- 4,778 acres acquired in 1978 from the former Delta Fish and Fur Farm

Natural History

- Lies within the Mississippi River Valley in west central Wisconsin
- Land was isolated from the Mississippi and Trempealeau rivers by levees built in 1911
- Refuge has a variety of habitats including sand prairies and marshes
- Important area for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provides habitat for bald eagles

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 60,000 visitors annually

Refuge Objectives

- Provide breeding and migration habitat for migratory birds
- Provide habitat for native wildlife
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education

Management Tools

- Water management
- Prescribed burning
- Cooperative farming
- Outreach and environmental education
- Biological control of nuisance plants

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Hiking trails
- Auto tour routes

AMERICA'S NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES...
where wildlife comes naturally!





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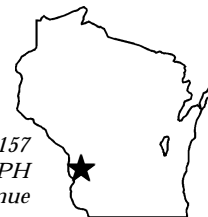
Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge *LaCrosse District*

Contacting the refuge:

555 Lester Avenue
Onalaska, WI 54650
Phone: 608/783 8405
Fax: 608/783 8452
TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)
http://www.emtc.usgs.gov/umr_refuge.html

District Manager: Jim Nissen
e-mail: james_nissen@mail.fws.gov

*To locate the office, take Highway 157
south from I-90 to County Road PH
and go left to Lester Avenue*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1924
- Acres: 42,000
- District covers 35 miles of the Upper Mississippi River Valley from Trempealeau, Wisconsin, to Genoa, Wisconsin
- District covers Navigation Pools 7 and 8

Natural History

- Scenic river area with broad pools, braided channels, islands and bluffs rising several hundred feet
- Critical migratory bird corridor for waterfowl, songbirds and raptors
- Major staging area for canvasback ducks and tundra swans
- Important and unique wildlife areas including the "deltas" where the Black and Root rivers join the Mississippi River
- Refuge and river support many fish and mussel species valuable for both commercial and recreational uses

Financial Impact of Refuge

- Over 1,000,000 visitors annually
- Mississippi River annually contributes an estimated \$1 billion in recreational benefits to the region
- Commercial navigation, fishing and clamming

Refuge Objectives

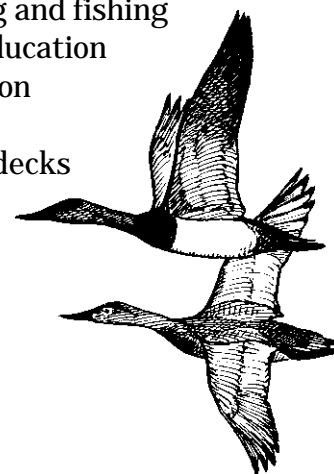
- Protect and preserve one of America's premier fish and wildlife areas
- Provide habitat for migratory birds, fish, plants and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for endangered species
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and wildlife-oriented recreational public use opportunities

Management Tools

- Resource monitoring and protection
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Environmental Management Program
- Federal and state partnerships
- Prescribed burning

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking, boating and camping
- Hunting, trapping and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Visitor center
- Two observation decks





Leopold

Wetland Management District

Contacting the District:

W4279 Headquarters Road
Mayville, WI 53050
Phone: 920/387 0336
Fax: 920/387 2973

TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)
<http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/wmd/leopold.html>

Project Leader: Steve Lenz
e-mail: steve_lenz@mail.fws.gov



District Facts

- Established: 1993
- Acres: 8,863 on 41 WPAs
- Manages Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in 14 southeastern counties
- Manages conservation easements in 33 eastern Wisconsin counties
- Headquarters at Horicon NWR Complex

Natural History

- District covers one of the most important waterfowl areas of Wisconsin
- WPAs are wetland and grassland mosaics needed by breeding waterfowl
- Habitat critical for many migratory water and song birds
- Mink, muskrat, beaver, and deer thrive within the district

Financial Impact

- 10,000 visitors annually
- Waterfowl Production Areas purchased with Federal Duck Stamp receipts

District Objectives

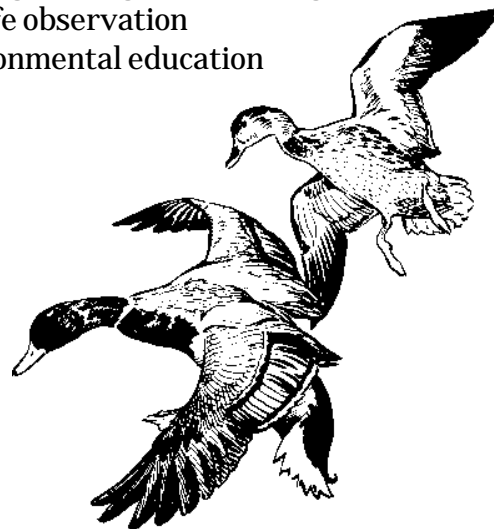
- Provide waterfowl production habitat
- Restore wetland and grassland habitat
- Cooperate with state on Glacial Habitat Restoration Area
- Cooperate with state and local agencies promoting wildlife habitat restoration on private land

Management Tools

- Water level management
- Mowing, haying
- Wetland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (private landowner agreements)
- Prairie restoration

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting, fishing and trapping
- Wildlife observation
- Environmental education





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St. Croix

Wetland Management District

Contacting the District:

1764 95th Street
New Richmond, WI 54017
Phone: 715/246 7784
Fax: 715/246 4670

TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)
http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/wmd/st_croix.html

Project Leader: Vacant
e-mail:



District Facts

- Established: 1993
- Acres: 6,400 on 40 WPAs
- Manages Waterfowl Production Areas (WPAs) in three counties of northwestern Wisconsin
- Restores 100-200 wetlands per year on private land

Natural History

- District covers one of the most important waterfowl breeding areas of Wisconsin
- WPAs are a mosaic of wetlands and grassland needed by breeding waterfowl
- Habitat critical for scores of migratory water and song birds
- Mink, muskrat, beaver, and deer thrive on units

Financial Impact

- 10,000 visitors annually
- Waterfowl Production Areas purchased with Federal Duck Stamp receipts

District Objectives

- Provide waterfowl production habitat
- Restore wetland and grassland habitat
- Provide recreation and education opportunities for the public
- Cooperate with state and local agencies promoting wildlife habitat restoration on private land

Management Tools

- Mowing, haying
- Wetland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program (private landowner agreements)
- Prairie restoration
- Acquisition

Public Use Opportunities

- Hunting, fishing, and trapping
- Wildlife observation
- Environmental education





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Wisconsin

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Private Lands Office

Contacting the Office:

4511 Helgesen Drive
Madison, WI 53718-6747

Phone: 608/221 1206

Fax: 608/221 1357

TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)

<http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/partners/wiscnsin.html>

State Coordinator: Jim Ruwaldt

e-mail: james_ruwaldt@mail.fws.gov



Local Coordination Offices

North	Ashland FRO	715/682 6185
Northwest	St. Croix WMD	715/246 7784
Northeast	Green Bay FO	920/465 7440
Central	Necedah NWR	608/565 2551
South	Wisconsin PLO	608/221 1206
Southeast	Leopold WMD	920/387 0336
Southwest	Upper Miss. NWFR	319/873 3423
	LaCrosse Dist.	608/783 8405
	McGregor Dist.	319/873 3423
	Trempealeau NWR	608/539 2311

Opportunities on Private Lands

Habitat Restoration

- Wetlands and associated pplands
- Native grasslands
- Migratory bird habitat
- Watersheds of National Wildlife Refuges
- Voluntary participation
- Endangered species
- North American Wetlands Conservation Act

Technical Assistance

- Wetland and Conservation Reserve Programs
- Wetlands Conservation Provisions
- Farm Service Agency
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program

Partnerships

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Land conservation departments
- Private conservation organizations
- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Private landowners

1998 Funding and Special Projects

- \$665,800 for habitat restoration and technical assistance
- Wisconsin Waterfowl Association WRP partnership
- Prairie/savanna restoration
- Leopold Marsh National Wildlife Refuge proposal

Wetland Restorations (1987-1998)

- 3,625 sites
- 8,223 acres





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Green Bay

Ecological Services Field Office

Contacting the office:

1015 Challenger Court
Green Bay, WI 54311-8331
Phone: 920/465 7440
Fax: 920/465 7410

TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)
http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/grn_bay/index.htm

Field Supervisor: Janet Smith
e-mail: janet_smith@mail.fws.gov



Office Facts

- Established: 1974

Office Goals

- Minimize effects of contaminants on trust fish and wildlife resources in Wisconsin and the Great Lakes
- Protect, maintain and restore fish and wildlife habitat with an emphasis on wetlands
- Restore threatened and endangered species to viable, self-sustaining levels
- Protect, manage and conserve migratory birds
- Protect, maintain and restore Great Lakes and interjurisdictional fisheries

Services Provided To

- Private citizens
- Federal and state agencies
- Tribes
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Conservation and resource organizations

Activity Highlights

- Department of the Interior co-trustee with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Menominee and Oneida Indian Tribes of Wisconsin on Fox River/Green Bay Natural Resource Damage Assessment for injuries to trust resources from PCBs released in the Fox River
- Provides expertise in contaminants and habitat-related issues to implement the Lower Fox River/Green Bay Remedial Action Plan
- Leads recovery efforts for the endangered Karner blue butterfly; advising state of Wisconsin, corporate and private landowners in development of a statewide Habitat Conservation Plan
- Participates in Service coordination on potential reclassification or delisting of the Eastern timber wolf
- Pursuing hydropower relicensing settlement for three Northern States Power Company facilities on the Chippewa River to include instream flow releases, measures to minimize fish mortality, and measures for habitat improvement, land management and protection





Genoa

National Fish Hatchery

Contacting the hatchery:

S5689 State Road 35
Genoa, WI 54632-8836
Phone: 608/689 2605
Fax: 608/689 2644

TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)
<http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/genoa/>

Hatchery Manager: Todd Turner
e-mail: todd_turner@mail.fws.gov



Office Facts

- Established: 1932

Geographic Area Covered

- Six states in Region 3
- Cooperate with Regions 1, 2, 4 and 5

Hatchery Mission

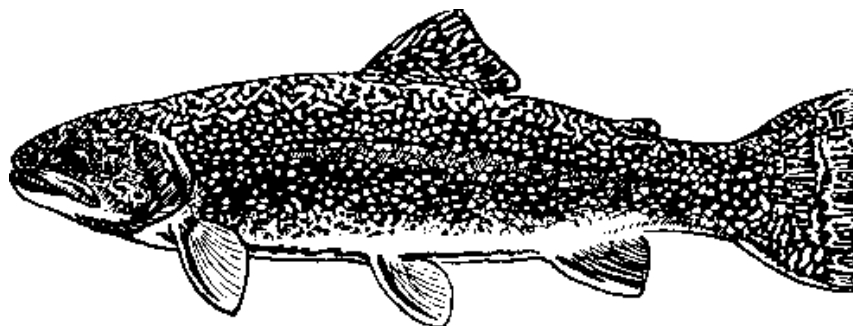
- Rear 23 species of fish to support high priority federal management, restoration and threatened and endangered species programs
- Serve as Region 3 isolation facility
- Hatch and rear wild lake trout and coaster brook trout for future broodstock
- Support recovery efforts in the Great Lakes
- Supply fish/eggs for research, tribal and state cooperator programs
- Provide environmental education

Fish Species and Capability

- 40 million eggs and fry of cool water (northern pike, walleye) fish
- 200,000 fingerling and subadult salmonids, cool water, and warm water (bass, bluegill, sturgeon) fish for National Wildlife Refuges and other high priority federal programs
- Repository for threatened and endangered mussels

Public Use Opportunities

- Fishery education
- Self-guided hatchery tours and visitation (5,000 annually)
- Guided tours and off-site presentations available with advance notification
- Open air ponds (15) and raceways (6) with some broodfish
- Ranked in "Top 10" area locations for bird watching by the La Crosse Chapter of the Audubon Society





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Iron River

National Fish Hatchery

Contacting the hatchery:

HC 62, Box 44
Iron River, WI 54847
Phone: 715/372 8510
Fax: 715/372 8410

TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)
http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/iron_rvr/

Hatchery Manager: Dale Bast
e-mail: dale_bast@mail.fws.gov



Office Facts

- Established: 1981

Geographic Area Covered

- Upper Great Lakes
- Tribal, research and National Fish Hatchery transfers to Midwest United States

Hatchery Mission

- Produce eggs for the National Broodstock Program
- Rear lake trout as part of Great Lakes Restoration Program
- Supply fish/eggs for research and tribal programs
- Provide environmental education

Fish Species and Capability

- One million yearling lake trout for spring stocking
- 200,000 fingerling lake trout for fall stocking
- six million lake trout eggs
- Developing Lake Superior wild brook (coaster) trout broodstock
- 7,700 lake trout broodstock

Public Use Opportunities

- Fishery and wildlife education
- Hatchery tours and visitation





Ashland

Fishery Resources Office

Contacting the office:

2800 Lake Shore Drive East
Ashland, WI 54806

Phone: 715/682 6185

Fax: 715/682 8899

TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)

<http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/ashland/>

Project Leader: Tom Busiahn

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Office Facts

- Established: 1972

Geographic Area Served

- Lake Superior watershed
- Tribal lands and waters in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan
- National Wildlife Refuges and National Parks in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Michigan
- Private Lands in northern Wisconsin

Office Goals

- Restore native fishes, wetlands and aquatic habitats in the Lake Superior region
- Fulfill federal trust responsibilities to Native American Tribes in managing, enhancing, protecting, and restoring fish and wildlife resources and ecosystems
- Assist agencies with management authority in coordinating fisheries management on Lake Superior
- Assist federal resource managers and regulators in fisheries management and stewardship in the upper Great Lakes region
- Promote cooperative efforts to prevent, control, or adapt to, the spread of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species
- Distribute information and educate people about fish and wildlife resources and ecosystems

Services Provided To

- State and federal agencies
- Canadian government agencies
- Fond du Lac, Red Cliff, Bad River, Mille Lacs, Grand Portage, Red Lake, Lac Courte Orielles, Lower Sioux, White Earth, La Vieux, Desert and Mole Lake Indian Reservations and Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- 1854 Treaty Authority
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices
- Private landowners

Activity Highlights

- Lake Superior habitat and ecosystem planning and restoration
- Lake trout, lake sturgeon and Lake Superior wild brook (coaster) trout restoration
- Membership on the Lake Superior Technical Committee
- Fisheries and wildlife management assistance to Native American Tribes
- Ruffe control program
- Wetland restoration in northern Wisconsin



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Green Bay

Fishery Resources Office

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1015 Challenger Court
Green Bay, WI 54311
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Fax: 920/465 7410

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http://www.fws.gov/r3pao/grn_bay/fro/

Project Leader: Mark Holey
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Office Facts

- Established: 1992

Geographic Area Served

- Lake Michigan watershed
- Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana
- Tribal lands and waters in Michigan and Wisconsin
- National Wildlife Refuges in Michigan and Wisconsin
- Great Lakes Basin

Office Goals

- Restore and maintain the biological integrity of the Lake Michigan fish community
- Promote the cooperative, interagency management of fisheries in Lake Michigan
- Restore native fishes, wetlands, and aquatic habitats
- Fulfill federal trust responsibilities to Native American Tribes
- Address the spread of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species
- Provide environmental education

Services Provided To

- State and federal agencies
- Oneida, Grand Traverse, Stockbridge-Munsee, Menominee, Potawatomi, Bay Mills, Sault, Little Traverse and Little River Bands of Indians
- Great Lakes Fishery Commission
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service program offices
- Fishery research agencies
- Chippewa/Ottawa Treaty Fishery Management Authority

Activity Highlights

- Implements lake trout restoration in Lake Michigan; researches alternate lake trout stocking methods; collects lakewide information for lake trout strain evaluation
- Studies the food web in Lake Michigan and collates predator diet information
- Evaluates the feasibility of alternate commercial fishing gear
- Surveys fishery resources in the Oneida Indian Reservation
- Chair of the Lake Michigan Technical Committee enhancing lakewide cooperation
- Surveys lake sturgeon populations in Green Bay
- Maintains the Great Lakes Fish Stocking Database for the entire Great Lakes Basin



LaCrosse

Fishery Resources Office

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Onalaska, WI 54650
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Fax: 608/783 8450

TTY: 1-800-947-3529 (Wisconsin Relay)

http://www.emtc.usgs.gov/http_data/umr_refuge/umrlax/lxfro.html

Project Leader: Pam Thiel
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Office Facts

- Established: 1981

Geographic Area Served

- Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin
- Mississippi River bordering the Upper Mississippi River National Fish and Wildlife Refuge to Rock Island, Illinois
- Iowa River Corridor
- Chicago waterway

Office Goals

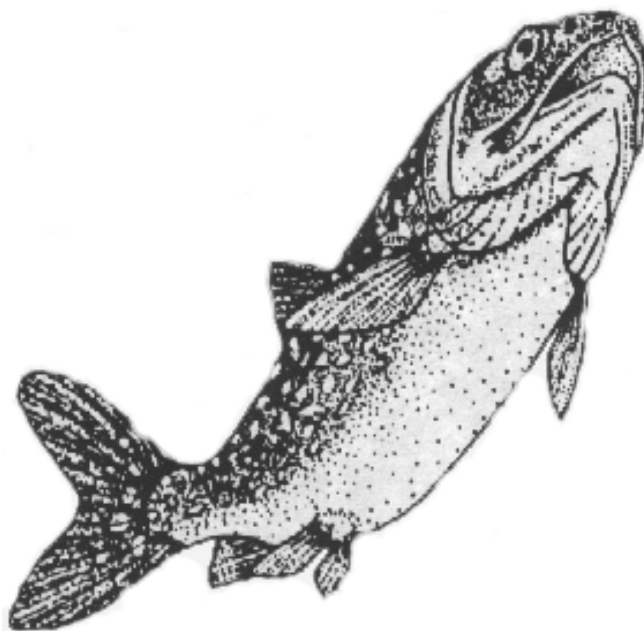
- Restore native and interjurisdictional fishes, wetlands and aquatic habitats
- Fulfill federal trust responsibilities to Native American Tribes
- Address the spread of nonindigenous aquatic nuisance species
- Provide environmental education

Services Provided To

- Menominee, Mille Lacs, Prairie Island and White Earth Tribes
- Federal and state agencies
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Fort McCoy military base
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service program offices

Activity Highlights

- Studies of paddlefish population levels, habitat use and life history
- Fishery restoration - lake sturgeon restoration efforts on the Menominee and Red River Basin
- Monitoring for zebra mussel infestations on the St. Croix and Mississippi rivers, and round goby distribution in the Chicago waterway
- Aquatic habitat restoration and enhancement





U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

LaCrosse

Fish Health Center

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Center Facts

- Established: 1962

Geographic Area Served

- Eight state region (six ecosystems) in the Upper Midwest and Great Lakes Basin
- Member of a national system of nine fish health laboratories

Center Goals

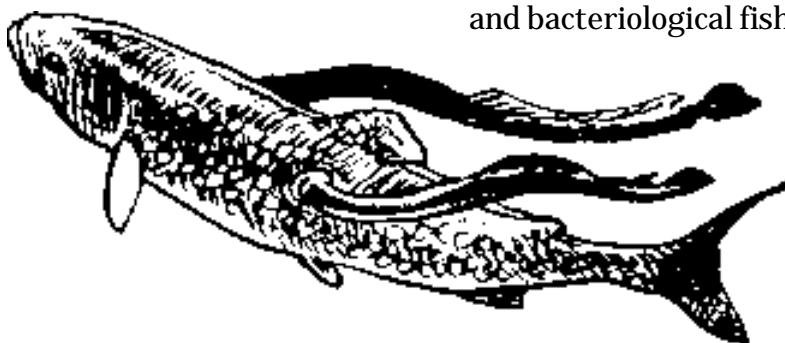
- Provide fish health inspection services to six national and four tribal fish hatcheries to minimize the risk of introducing disease agents into the wild
- Assist state and private fish hatcheries in the diagnosis and control of infectious disease agents
- Provide technical assistance regarding fish health and propagation

Services Provided To

- State and federal agencies
- Red Cliff, Lac du Flambeau and Keweenaw Bay Indian Communities
- Fishery research agencies
- Private citizens
- Universities

Activity Highlights

- Fish health quality assessments on propagated and wild lake trout
- Extension services - distribution of technical information regarding fish health issues
- Education - staff instructs a 1-week training course, "Introduction to Fish Health"
- Staff instructs several fish health courses offered throughout the U.S. by the National Education Training Center
- Publication - "Introduction to Fish Health" second edition, serves as a laboratory manual and reference guide by aquaculturists and fish health specialists
- Research projects on parasitological, viral, and bacteriological fish disease agents





U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Green Bay

Law Enforcement Field Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1987
- The Green Bay Field Office is administered by the St. Paul, Minnesota Field Office

Law Enforcement Objectives

- To protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
- To promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect

Law Enforcement Priorities

- To investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification
- To investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation
- To provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as National Wildlife Refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they oversee
- To promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage



Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Duck Stamp Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Lacey Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Exotic Bird Conservation Act



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Madison

Law Enforcement Field Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1950
- The Madison Field Office is administered by the St. Paul, Minnesota Field Office

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Onalaska

Law Enforcement Field Office

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Office Facts

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- The Onalaska Field Office is administered by the St. Paul, Minnesota Field Office

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Wisconsin

North American Waterfowl Management Plan

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State Contact

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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
P.O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707
Phone: 608/264 6137
FAX: 608/267 7857

About the "Plan"

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal: return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid 1970's
- Achieve goal by restoring and protecting wetland and grassland habitat
- Includes 13 habitat joint ventures and two species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico

Partner Involvement

- Private landowners
- Nonprofit organizations
- Corporations
- Local, state and federal agencies
- Tribal governments

Habitat Accomplishments

- Restored over 45,000 acres of drained wetlands and converted grasslands
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat
- Protected coastal wetlands

Wisconsin Projects

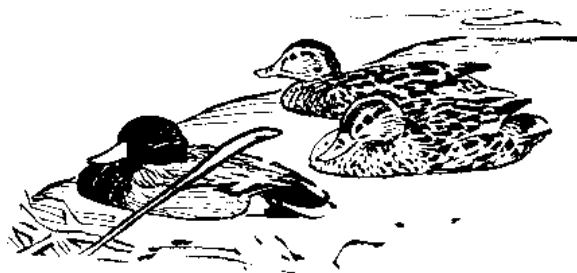
- Glacial Habitat Restoration Area
- Rock River watershed
- Northwest prairie pothole region
- Coastal watersheds adjacent to Lake Michigan
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation
- Waterfowl and nongame bird surveys

Financial Assistance

- Matching dollars from partners totaling over \$20 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; 13 grants totaling over \$7.7 million
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan dollars totaling over \$800,000

Public Benefits

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced floodwater storage
- Improved water quality
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting "voluntary" wetland preservation





Wisconsin

Federal Aid

Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration

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Where the money comes from

Federal excise taxes paid by hunters, anglers, and boaters on hunting and fishing equipment, a portion of the federal fuel tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

What the money can be used for

Fish and wildlife research, habitat enhancement, technical assistance to private landowners, environmental review of public projects, land acquisition, operation and maintenance of areas and facilities, boating and angler access improvements, comprehensive planning for fish and wildlife resources, and hunter and aquatic education.

Number of participants and economic benefits to Wisconsin

■ Fishing
Number of anglers.....1.47 million
Fishing expenditures.....\$662 million

■ Hunting
Number of hunters.....665,000
Hunting expenditures.....\$524 million

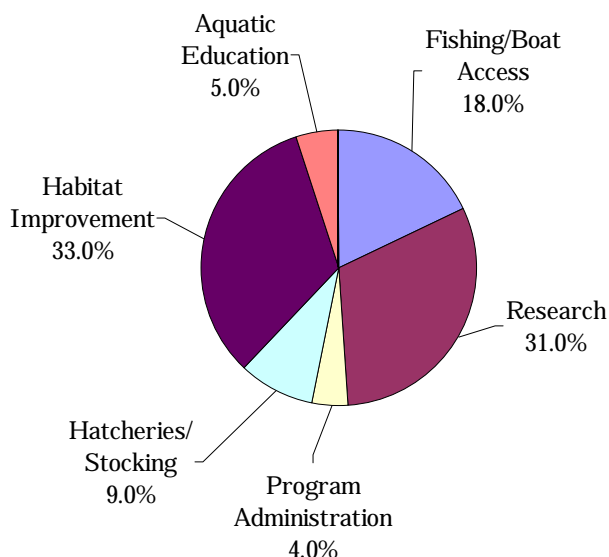
How much money is involved *(1998 apportionments)*

Sport Fish Restoration.....\$8.8 million
Wildlife Restoration.....\$5.1 million

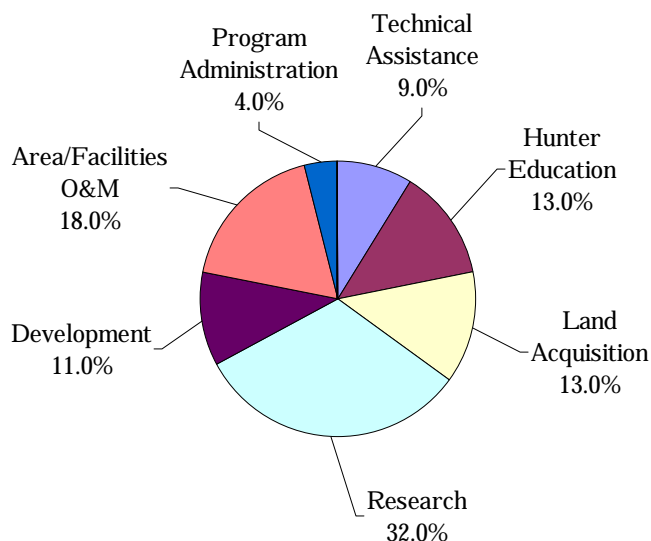


Federal dollars at work in Wisconsin

Use of Sport Fish Restoration Funds



Use of Wildlife Restoration Funds





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Wisconsin

Migratory Bird Conservation

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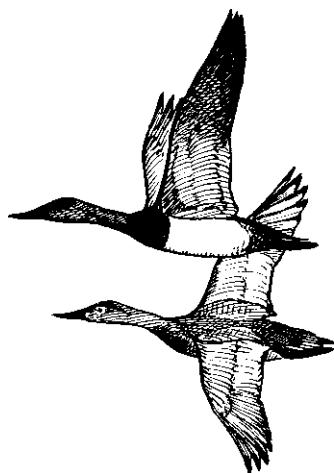


Inventory and Monitoring

- Waterfowl Breeding Pair Survey
- Woodcock Singing Ground Survey
- Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
- Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
- Waterfowl banding program
- Great Lakes Colonial Waterbird Survey
- Nongame bird inventories on National Wildlife Refuge System lands

Research

- Development of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for migratory bird habitat conservation along the Upper Mississippi River
- Study of woodcock mortality in central Wisconsin
- Status assessment of the double-crested cormorant in the Great Lakes
- Study of Canada Geese reproductive inhibitors



Management

- Wetland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Hunting regulations development
- Issuance of 18 types of migratory bird permits

Partnerships

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
- Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission
- Ruffed Grouse Society
- Ducks Unlimited
- U.S.G.S. Biological Resources Division
- University of Wisconsin

Outreach

- International Migratory Bird Day
- Junior Duck Stamp Contest
- Fact sheets on double-crested cormorants



Wisconsin

Division of Realty

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Ascertainment and Planning

- Before a new refuge is established, or the boundary of an existing refuge is significantly revised, the Service completes a detailed planning process to consider the effects of the proposed actions. A team of biologists and planners identify potential new lands to be acquired or preserved in some other way. The team works with local communities, landowners, state agencies, private conservation groups, and other interested parties to carefully plan where new lands and waters should be protected or restored for endangered species, migratory birds or other nationally important fish and wildlife conservation purposes.
- The Service is also required to prepare management plans for existing refuges. These Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) detail management direction on refuges for a 15 year period. The Planning staff ensures that all planning efforts comply with National Environmental Policy Act requirements.
- Public involvement is an important component of all these planning processes.

1998 Wisconsin Activities

- Land acquisition activities, using the Migratory Bird Conservation Fund, occurred at the 16 county, 15,000-acre Wisconsin Waterfowl Production Area.
- Land acquisition activities, using the Land and Water Conservation Fund, occurred at the new Whittelsey Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

Land Acquisition

- The Realty Division's staff of appraisers and realty specialists works with landowners who have indicated an interest in selling their property, or property interests, to the Service. The appraisers determine fair market value and the realty specialists make the fee-title or easement purchases from these willing landowners. Lands are acquired by using funds from:
 - The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (received from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps)
 - The Congressionally appropriated Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - Natural Resource Damage Assessments

Realty Management

- Once properties are acquired, the Realty Management staff is responsible for managing real estate records for over one million acres of Service owned lands throughout Region 3.

The Realty Management staff also:

- Works to assure that counties receive revenue sharing payments
- Processes non-funded land acquisition such as exchanges, donations, transfers and withdrawals
- Processes right-of-way permits across Service owned land
- Provides surveying capabilities for land acquisition and boundary retracement
- Produces cartographic products for Service use